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In re Application of
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 11, 2002, Applicants elect with traverse the species of Figure 1. All claims except Claim 10 read on the species of Figure 1. (i.e., Claims 1 to 9 to 11 to 13 read on the species of Figure 1).

Claims 1 to 8 and 11 to 13 are considered to be generic and to read on all species. Claim 9 adds the feature shown in Figure 1, and Claim 10 adds the feature shown in Figure 2. Figure 3 shows an embodiment without features of Claims 9 and 10.

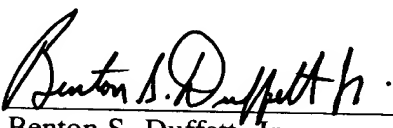
It respectfully is requested that the Examiner use his discretion under 35 U.S.C. §121 and withdraw the restriction requirement with respect to the subject matter of Claim 10. It respectfully is urged that the search and examination of the entire Application, could be more efficiently carried out for all concerned in a single Application. Such examination

is urged to the achievable without serious burden and is anticipated to result in increased efficiency for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during a consideration of Applicants' claimed subject matter.

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